SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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HARRISON _______, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, in what is one of the greatest comebacks in the history of IHSAA championship basketball, on March 24, 2001, the Attica Red Ramblers overcame a 14 point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat Blue River Valley by a score of 64-62:

Whereas, 10 of Attica's 12 players also played on the Red Ramblers' 2000 championship runner-up football team, who played with the strong motivation from a stinging defeat in a previous title game;

Whereas, down by 14 points with four minutes remaining in the game, Attica reached deep into its team spirit to shut down Blue River Valley in a roller coaster ride to the finish;

Whereas, tied at 62 with less than eight seconds to play, Attica's Josh Smith hit one free throw to put the Red Ramblers ahead by one point;

Whereas, after Smith's miss from the second of his free throw shots, Blue River Valley lost the ball out of bounds and resorted to fouling Attica's Travis Kirby, who hit the final point from the free throw line with 4.6 seconds on the clock;

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Whereas, Attica coach Ralph Shrader, stunned by his team's performance, summarized his feelings when he stated, "If you would have told me that I would walk into the interview room after being down 14 in the fourth quarter and be introduced as Class A State Champions, I would have thought you were crazy.";

Whereas, the Red Ramblers' 28 fourth quarter points set a Class A tournament record for the most points scored in a quarter; and

Whereas, Attica senior co-captain Josh Smith concluded his brilliant years with Attica as its career points leader with 1,827 total points. Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly is extremely proud of the tenacity and perseverence exhibited by the Attica High School Red Ramblers as it claimed the 2001 IHSAA Class 1A State Basketball Title.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Attica High School Coach Ralph Shrader; Principal Roy M. Jones; and to the various championship team members.



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